

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I am a retired worker drawing about \$2,000 a month in retirement income. Due to the extremely high taxes on my land line telephone - I could not afford a land line telephone. I have switched to cell phone for my means of communication so for safety everywhere and since I can make most of my calls after 7 PM when Sprint (my primary) cellular does not charge me from minutes.

I also keep the inexpensive \$8 a month Tracphone for emergency personal use when my wife and I are not together so we each have a phone for emergency use.

Raising taxes on individual phones is a brutally regressive tax and should not be tolerated in our society. The bottom line is that every person that drives or goes to school in the United States needs a cell phone for personal security reasons. All excess excise or other "extr" taxes should be removed from personal phones.

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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